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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ki-Sang Kim

Application No.: November 4, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3652

Filed: 10/701,322

Examiner: Charles A. Fox

For: **TRANSFER SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR WORKPIECE CONTAINERS
AND METHOD OF TRANSFERRING THE WORKPIECE CONTAINERS USING THE
SAME**

Date: July 26, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated April 27, 2005 ("the Action"). In the Action, the Examiner required a restriction for:

- Group I. Claims 1-7 and 10-16, drawn to a wafer container conveying apparatus, classified in class 414, subclass 217; and
- Group II. Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a method of loading a wafer container into a process station, classified in class 414, subclass 805.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects the following named claims:

- Group I. Claims 1-7 and 10-16, drawn to drawn to a wafer container conveying apparatus.

The Action also identifies three different species within the claims of Group I:

- Species A. A vertical conveyor comprising screws (Claims 4 and 13, Figure 16);
- Species B. A vertical conveyor comprising hydraulic cylinders (Claims 5 and 14); and
- Species C. A vertical conveyor comprising a suction device (Claims 7 and 16, Figures 19 and 20).


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Applicant provisionally elects Species A.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.


Respectfully submitted,


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